



Recap of the TBRPC Council Meeting

Talking points to assist Board Members with their reports on Council activities.

Meeting Date: November 14, 2011

❖ **Solar Energy**

Jeremiah Rohr of the Solar Source Institute provided information on solar technology and its use in the Florida residential and commercial markets. TBRPC is involved in several initiatives that promote alternative energy usage. The presentation provided Council with a “state of the technology” update on solar power.

❖ **Ballast Water Management**

Suzanne Cooper, TBRPC Principal Planner, provided information on the issue of harmful species introductions to Tampa Bay as a result of certain ballast water discharge from ships using our ports and the regulations that have been drafted to address this.

❖ **Broadband Mapping**

TBRPC is currently contracted with the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) to perform Broadband planning activities related to community organization, demand analysis, strategy identification, and pilot plan preparation. Broadband Florida has extensive mapping requirements. Central and Southwest Florida RPCs are subcontractors to TBRPC for many of the associated tasks. These activities are part of DMS’s Broadband Florida planning initiative.

❖ **Disaster Resiliency Study**

TBRPC recently completed the Disaster Resiliency Study that was funded by the Economic Development Administration. The study assessed the economic impacts of a catastrophic disaster on the Tampa Bay region (Project Phoenix). A brief presentation was given on the study findings.

❖ **TBRPC 20th Future of the Region Awards and 50th Anniversary Celebration**

February 16, 2012 marks the beginning of 50 years in regional planning for the TBRPC. A committee has been formed to honor this milestone for the Council. The celebration will be held in conjunction with the 20th Annual Future of the Region Awards luncheon. The two events will take place on Friday, March 23rd, 2012. Venue to be announced.

❖ **46th Annual National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference**

The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is hosting the 46th Annual National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference at the Renaissance Vinoy, June 10th through June 13th. This national conference will bring in over 400 elected officials and regional planning professionals from across the nation. Registration for the conference will begin in February or March of 2012.

